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SUBJ: IRANIAN MILITARY ALERT

REF: USDAO 181230Z AUG 74

1. AS OF AUGUST 19 PRECAUTIONARY ALERT REPORTED IN REFTEL IS CONTINUING. AMCONSUL KHORRAMSHAHR REPORTS MANY IIN OFFICERS HE HAS TALKED TO ARE NOT AWARE OF REASONS FOR ALERT BUT ASSUME IT DIRECTED AGAINST IRAQ AND IS NOT JUST AN EXERCISE. ALERT IN SOUTHWEST DOES NOT APPEAR TO INVOLVE ARMY OR GENDARMERIE.

2. AMCONSUL TABRIZ REPORTS THAT ALL ARMED SERVICES ALONG BORDER IN THAT CONSULAR DISTRICT ARE ON ALERT, GENERALLY WITH HALF OF PERSONNEL ON DUTY AT A TIME. AGAIN MOTIVE SEEMS TO BE PRECAUTIONARY, AS NO NEW CLASHES WITH IRAQ MILITIA OR TROOPS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. IRANIAN SOURCES HAVE TOLD CONSUL THEY BELIEVE PURPOSE IS TO BE READY IF IRAQI ACTION AGAINST KURDS SHOULD SPILL OVER ACROSS BORDER.

3. COMMENT: POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL REASON FOR ALERT IS TO WARN IRAQIS AGAINST ANY PROVOCATION DURING ISTANBUL TALKS. FONMIN
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KHALATBARI WHO WILL VISIT TURKEY AUGUST 20 IS REPORTED BY PRESS

TO BE EVALUATING ISTANBUL TALKS WITH A VIEW TOWARD POSSIBLE
MEETING WITH IRAQI FONMIN IN TURKEY IF SUFFICIENT PROGRESS
BEING MADE IN PRELIMINARY TALKS. KHALATBARI TOLD PRESS AUGUST
14 HE BELIEVED NEGOTIATIONS COULD LEAD TO SETTLEMENT OF
DISPUTE BUT ADDED THAT RECENT IRAQI AGGRESSION ON BORDER CALLED
INTO QUESTION BAGHDAD'S SINCERITY. END COMMENT.
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